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2023-388-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Increase in Electric Rates, Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs, and Request for an Accounting Order

To Parties of Record:

Please take notice of the attached Draft Notice of Filing and Public Hearings, Prefile Testimony Letter and Transmittal Letter.

The Clerk's office is awaiting confirmation for use of the Greenville County and Seneca, South Carolina locations in the attached draft notice. The final Notice of Filing and Public Hearings, Prefile Testimony Letter and Transmittal Letter will be served on the parties in the docket as soon as this confirmation is received.

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Be Heard

You have a right to comment. You do not have to attend.

READ CAREFULLY

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON CUSTOMER HEARINGS (OFF SITE & PSC OFFICES)

Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for Increase in Electric Rates, Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs, and Request for an Accounting Order
Docket No. 2023-388-E

Why is this Notice Important?

- The Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has scheduled public hearings in this case and will decide what rates Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, (“DEC” or “the Company”) can charge.
- Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC is requesting a rate increase and changes to the Company’s electric rates and schedules for retail electric base rates.
- According to the Application, the proposed rates and charges represent an overall average increase in retail revenues of 11.4%, or approximately \$239 million, in the first two years, and an additional overall average increase of about 4.1%, or approximately \$84 million additional revenue, after the first two years.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Residential Service - Rate RS Current And Proposed Bill Example

	Current Bill	Bill After Total Effective August 1, 2024	Bill After Total Effective August 1, 2026
1,073 kWh per month	\$148.63	\$167.81	\$178.80
Percent Increase from Current Bill		(\$19.18 or 12.9% increase)	(\$10.99 or 6.5% Increase)

Monthly Bill Impacts Including Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC’s Mitigation Proposal¹

			Rates Effective August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2026	Rates Effective August 1, 2026 ³
Line No.	Customer Class	Average kWh Per Bill ²	Average Monthly Bill Impact \$ Increase	Average Monthly Bill Impact \$ Increase
A	Residential	1,073	\$19.18	\$10.99
B	Commercial	4,744	\$78.11	\$26.94
C	Industrial	456,647	\$3,039.12	\$1,770.88

1 (Footnote 1) The proposed Rates Effective date is August 1, 2024. The proposed EDIT mitigant will expire July 31, 2026.

2 (Footnote 2) The Average kWh per Bill was calculated by dividing the 2022 Test Year kilowatt hours by the total number of bills for the respective customer class. Due to individual customer usage profiles, the actual monthly bill impact will vary by each individual customer within each of the rate classifications, and by month, especially for commercial and industrial customers.

3 (Footnote 3) Note: If mitigation proposals are not included, the full rate effect would take place on August 1, 2024, instead of August 1, 2026, as proposed by the company.

- Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, also requests approval to establish an end-of-life nuclear reserve account and collect approximately \$4.745 million per year from the Company’s customers to pay for future costs related to retirement of its nuclear generating plants.



- The case was filed according to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-820 and 58-27-870 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-303 and 103-823; and these hearings have been scheduled according to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817.

For the Company's complete proposal visit: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/23337cd4-f975-4b7e-8a06-107758645645>

For the entire Case visit: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/118851>

When Will the Commission Hear the Utility's Case?

*The utility's case will be heard after the Customer Public Hearings.

When: Monday, May 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. and continuing through the remainder of the week as necessary.

Where: 101 Executive Center Drive, Hearing Room, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Livestream: <https://www.sctv.org/live/public-service-commission>

Who Can I Talk to About This Notice?

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	803-988-7132
Office of Regulatory Staff	803-737-5230 or 1-800-922-1531
Department of Consumer Affairs	803-734-4200 or 1-800-922-1594
Public Service Commission	803-896-5100

How Can I Participate in this Case?

A customer may participate in the case by the ways listed below.

Option A: File a Letter of Protest by:

- Emailing the completed Letter of Protest to contact@psc.sc.gov; or
- Mailing the completed Letter of Protest to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210.

More information is available here: <https://psc.sc.gov/consumer-info/file-letter-protest>

Option B:

Attend public hearings **before** the Commission hears the Company's request and other Parties' requests. If you are interested in providing comments and/or attending the public hearing, **you may appear in-person in Greenwood, Spartanburg, Anderson, and Greenville counties and in Seneca, SC, or in-person or virtually in Columbia.** Please pre-register by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.** See below:

The following hearings will **begin at 6:00 PM** and will be held at the following locations:

Date of Hearing:	Location:
Monday, April 8, 2024	Wade Hampton High School Auditorium 100 Pine Knoll Drive Greenville, South Carolina 29609
Thursday, April 11, 2024	Greenwood 50 Performing Arts Center 1816 Cokesbury Road Greenwood, SC 29649



Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Seneca High School Auditorium 100 Bobcat Ridge Seneca, South Carolina 29678
Monday, April 22, 2024	Anderson County Council Chambers 101 South Main Street Anderson, South Carolina 29624
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Spartanburg County Council Chambers Spartanburg County Administration Building 366 North Church Street, Suite 1000 Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303

This hearing will take place at the following location:

Monday, May 20, 2024 Morning Session: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evening Session: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Columbia - In-person or Virtually: 101 Executive Center Drive Hearing Room Columbia, South Carolina 29210
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Virtual Access:

Watch Live at <https://www.sctv.org/live/public-service-commission>

-OR-

Call-In to Listen:

US Toll-free Listen Line: +1-877-312-2531

Access Code: 2306 156 7308

The Commission will call the names of those persons who pre-register to testify first. Then the Commission will call the names of the other persons who did not pre-register to testify.

Please pre-register by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Each testimony is limited to three (3) minutes, so everyone can be heard. All testimony will be given under oath. Testimony becomes part of the case/official record. If you would like to speak, you may sign up in one of three ways:

- E-mail communications@psc.sc.gov; or
- Complete the following survey: (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JX2N27D>); or
- Call 803-896-5133.

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Option C:

File a Petition to Intervene. An Intervenor becomes a party in the case. Intervenors have the right to testify, cross-examine witnesses, appeal the Commission's Final Decision, and must follow the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. To intervene, you must:

- Email a Petition to Intervene to contact@psc.sc.gov no later than **Thursday, April 4, 2024**; or
- Mail a Petition to Intervene to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210 no later than **Thursday, April 4, 2024**. Please include your email address.

****You must give a copy of your Petition to Intervene to all Parties in this case. Petitions to Intervene must meet**



the requirements of Commission Regulation 103-825 and must be approved by the Commission.

In the above referenced case, if the proposed tariffs contain any request for a change of rates, the proposed rates may be changed by the Commission.

Persons seeking further information about these procedures should contact the Commission at **803-896-5100** or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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January 18, 2024

IN RE: DOCKET NO. 2023-388-E Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Increase in Electric Rates, Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs, and Request for an Accounting Order

TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD
Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-845:

There are important required deadlines for documents that must be filed with the Commission. You are hereby notified of the following deadlines:

1. **ON OR BEFORE January 23, 2024 , the Applicant(s) must:**
 - a. Prefile with the Commission one copy of the supplemental direct testimony and exhibits of the Witness(es) that the Applicant(s) intends to present; and,
 - b. Serve the supplemental direct testimony and exhibits of the Witnesses upon all Parties of Record (Prefiling with the Commission must be post-marked on or before this date).
2. **ON OR BEFORE April 8, 2024, All Other Parties of Record and the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) must:**
 - a. Prefile with the Commission one copy of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Witness(es) they intend to present; and,
 - b. Serve the direct testimony and exhibits of the Witnesses upon all Parties of Record (Prefiling with the Commission must be post-marked on or before this date).
3. **ON OR BEFORE April 22, 2024, the Applicant may file **Rebuttal Testimony**, if desired. If choosing to file Rebuttal Testimony, the Applicant must:**
 - a. Prefile with the Commission 1 copy of the testimony and exhibits of the Witnesses it intends to present; and,
 - b. Serve the testimony and exhibits of the Witnesses on all Parties of Record (Rebuttal Testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the Parties by the date specified here in No. 3).
4. **ON OR BEFORE April 29, 2024, All Other Parties of Record and the ORS filing **Surrebuttal Testimony** must:**
 - a. Prefile with the Commission 1 copy of the testimony and exhibits of the Witnesses they intend to present; and,
 - b. Serve the testimony and exhibits of the Witnesses on all Parties of Record.
(Surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the Parties by the date specified here in No. 4).

ON OR BEFORE 5/6/2024, as a Party of Record you are required to provide the following to the Commission:

1. Order of witnesses you plan to present during the Hearing;
2. Indicate whether you have any objection to taking direct and rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony together during the Hearing; and,





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3. Indicate whether there is a desire to use Panels of Witnesses.

NOTE: Failure to comply with the instructions contained herein could result in your proposed Witnesses' testimony and exhibits being excluded in the subject proceeding. Additionally, please note failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the **DISMISSAL** of your pleading.

Sincerely,

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January 18, 2024

Via E-mail Only

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In Re: **2023-388-E** Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Increase in Electric Rates, Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs, and Request for an Accounting Order

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Filing and Public Hearings concerning the above-captioned Docket. In order to proceed with the processing of this matter, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

1. Publish at your own expense, on or before **February 5, 2024**, the enclosed Notice of Filing and Public Hearings in newspapers of general circulation one time, and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before **February 26, 2024**.
2. Furnish at your own expense, on or before **March 14, 2024**, by U.S. Mail via bill inserts or by electronic mail to customers who have agreed to receive notice by electronic mail, the enclosed Notice of Filing and Public Hearings to each affected customer and provide a certification to the Commission on or before **April 4, 2024**, that this notification has been furnished.

Please refer to applicable South Carolina statutes, Commission Orders, and Rules and Regulations, including Commission Order No. **2013-388**.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the DISMISSAL of your pleading.

Please carefully review the Notice. If the Notice is not to your satisfaction, or you find any errors; please notify us before publishing.





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In the meantime, if you should require additional information, please advise.

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Sincerely,

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